



CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

Architectural Advisory Board Council Chambers January 6, 2016 – 7:45 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Roll was called at 7:51 p.m. Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Friedlander, Mr. Fritsch, and Mr. Way were present. Mr. Wong and Mrs. Duggan (alternate) were not present.
2. Petitions: There were no petitions.
3. Consent Calendar:
 - a. AAB #20151324 - installation of sandwich/A-Frame sign for Growing Smiles, 80 E Jefferson St 400B.

Mr. Way made a motion that the topic be tabled pending further information from city staff on if the building has installed signage for the establishment and permissions related to the approval and appropriateness of a sandwich board sign at this location. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed unanimously.

4. Other Business:
 - a. The board discussed the 2016 AAB meeting calendar. Going forward, the board will begin meetings at 7:30 p.m.
 - b. Elections for the board were held. Mrs. Friedlander nominated Mr. Fritsch as Chair, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Mr. Fritsch accepted and unanimously elected. Mr. Anderson nominated Mr. Way for Vice Chair, seconded by Mrs. Friedlander. Mr. Way accepted and was unanimously elected.
5. Old Business: There was no old business.
6. New Business:
 - a. AAB #20151198- Conceptual design for construction of new mixed-use building, 821 W Broad St.

The applicant and staff presented the revised concept to the AAB. Mr. Way asked about the Sprint St. streetscaping and width of remaining sidewalk. Mr. Anderson feels design adheres to guidelines, but stated that it lacks visual excitement or interest in that it appears very similar to other recent projects in the City. He feels that overall the project will be welcome and appreciated, but he

recommends incorporating some distinctive features and components. Mrs. Friedlander voiced her appreciation of the contextual photos and recommends adding the same treatment but closer in for better feel of actual interaction. She also commented that the band of smaller windows on the second floor might be changed to better fit in with the rest of the structure. She further added the recommendation that the S. Spring St. retail may be hidden by the wall and encouraged the applicant to explore options to help with interactions to the sidewalk. Mr. Fritsch concurred with Mr. Anderson's comments about the visual identity of the building as well as adding elements to complement the existing St. James Church across the street and its unique stone. He also recommended that the applicant consider variation and articulation of fenestration to make it more visually interesting as well as to include some form of cap or finishing of the secondary tower on the Broad Street side. Mr. Fritsch also commended the applicant on inclusion of the contextual views as it will help the project going forward. Mr. Way echoed the fellow board members' comments on articulation and materials choices. Further discussion with the applicant included articulation, materials choices, the patio and sidewalk relationship on Spring Street and other considerations. Mrs. Friedlander asked about roof programming and uses with respect to mechanicals.

7. Minutes:

- a. Minutes from the December 2, 2015 AAB meeting were reviewed. Mr Way made a motion the minutes be accepted as submitted. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.